

## DR. WILEY, GOVERNMENT FOOD EXPERT, RESIGNS, AFTER YEARS OF FIGHTING FOR THE PEOPLE

Washington, March 15.—Hounded for years by his bitter enemies, the money kings, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, Uncle Sam's chief chemist, father of the pure food law and defender of the rights of the people, ended his long service with the government today.

He tendered his resignation to Secretary of Agriculture "Tama Jim" Wilson, the man who most has hindered Wiley's fight for pure food.

"There is no statement I can now make about my resignation," said the pure food chief.

"Dr. Wiley has resigned—that is all I can say now," said "Tama Jim."

It has been known for weeks that Wiley was considering retirement from the government service.

Since the first of the year, the most powerful lobby of manufacturers Washington ever has known, has fought him at every turn. They sent out anonymous "press agent" statements, denouncing Wiley as an incompetent. Their agents openly asserted they were "after Wiley's scalp."

Within the department of Agriculture itself, Wiley had many bitter enemies, who hampered him in every way possible.

Congress recently investigated the "politics" of the pure food administration. What congress found out did not need any "touching up" by muckrakers to make it black.

It was found that Solicitor George P. McCabe and Associate Chemist F. L. Dunlap, both members of the pure food board, had deliberately fought every suggestion for the enforcement of the pure food law made by Wiley. It was found that these two were aided and abetted by "Tama Jim" Wilson, secretary of Agriculture.

The story of how Solicitor McCabe, aided without question by "Tama Jim," slipped a couple of innocent looking little "jokers" into the bill making the annual appropriation for the department of agriculture, and of how that bill was rushed through congress without being read, is enough to show what Wiley was up against.

The first joker made a special statute of limitations for the benefit of violators of the pure food law. Instead of the usual federal limitation period of seven years, that for pure food crooks was made three months.

The next joker consisted of a paragraph of a dozen words, which said that all cases for prosecution for violations of the pure food law, prepared by Wiley, must, before proceedings were instituted, be referred to the legal department of the department of agriculture, which was another way of saying they must be referred to McCabe.

In other words, the government, in this case, Wiley, would have to get his evidence, "refer" it to his particular enemy, Mc-